

Needs Assessment Ideas & Speakers

- **Existing Data**

- 1) 4K Community Collaborators
 - Key Contact: Sherry Kimball
- 2) Look at family impact seminar
- 3) MIECHV Randomized Control Study Expected in March
- 4) Evidence-Based Parent Education
 - Description: There is increasing research to suggest that evidence-based parent education is a key component to comprehensive family support continuum to prevent child maltreatment, improve parent-child relationships and build parents' ability to co-regulate emotions with children.
 - Key Contact: Becky Mather, Jill Hoiting, Kristi Slack
- 5) Protective Factors Framework
 - Description: Research-based framework about the five essential strengths that keep families strong
 - Key Contact: Becky Mather
 - Additional Info: Fiveforfamilies.org
- 6) Insurance Claims on Disability by Child Care
- 7) Workforce
 - Higher Education – Graduation with EC Degrees
 - Where do they go after graduation? How many entering the field?

- **Needed Data**

- 1) Workforce Shortage (Child Care Deserts, Unregulated Care)
 - Key Contact: Unregulated Care = The Parenting Place teachers entering Workforce (Tech colleges – Katie)
 - Deserts –DCF
- 2) Systems Change, Cross Sector Collaboration
- 3) Child Care Desserts
- 4) Status of YoungStar (Enrollment, Implications of Changes)

- **Hot Topics/Trends in Early Childhood**

- 1) Infant Mental Health Consultation
 - Impact on Children: Reducing Expulsion, Better Mental Health Outcomes, Better School Readiness
- 2) Hearing From Families
- 3) Suspension and Expulsion
 - Relevance to Early Childhood Pops.: Hillary's new incentive